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### **Suspension Ordered for Pyrotecnico Fireworks Company for Unexploded Fireworks**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan today announced administrative actions regarding Pyrotecnico, a fireworks company, after unexploded fireworks shells were discovered following professional shows this past summer.

Coan said, "Fireworks are extremely dangerous even for professionals. The regulations require a first light search to ensure that the public does not encounter any unexploded fireworks shells the next day. In these cases, that was not done adequately."

The Fireworks Users Certificate of Pyrotecnico was suspended for one-year based on the conduct of its employees. The suspension is effective July 10, 2012 and will run through the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday season. Pyrotecnico put on professional fireworks displays in Stoughton, Waltham, Ware, Wilmington and Worcester this summer where unexploded shells were discovered afterwards.

In the interest of public safety, State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan suspended the shooters and the company's licenses in July pending an investigation and hearings to determine whether any violation of law or regulation had taken place.

"It is unacceptable that a child might wander from a playground and pick up one these shells or that a town worker might run one over with a lawn mower," said Coan, "That's why we have these regulations to protect the public."

### **Decisions on Shooters Certificates of Competency**

The Fireworks Certificates of Competency David C. Bilodeau, Anthony J. Gentile and Peter A. Tremblay have been suspended as a result of administrative hearings held this summer. David C. Bilodeau, Anthony J. Gentile and Peter A. Tremblay were the licensed shooters for these shows.

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- David C. Bilodeau received a 3-year suspension for failure to notice and/or to conduct a thorough search. The suspension is effective July 10, 2012. Mr. Bilodeau must also pass a re-test of his abilities as before being reinstated.
- Anthony J. Gentile agreed to an administrative disposition of a 6-month suspension for failure to notice and/or to conduct a thorough search. The suspension is effective July 13, 2012.
- Peter A. Tremblay received a 2-year suspension for failure to notice and/or to conduct a thorough search. The suspension is effective July 13, 2012. Mr. Tremblay must also pass a re-test of his abilities as before being reinstated.

Anyone seeking a copy of these decisions should contact the Department of Fire Services Legal Office at (978) 567-3181.